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SUBJECT: IRAN: DEMOCRACY SMALL GRANTS PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED  
FOR FUNDING

REF:

[1](#)A. A) STATE 33385 AND PREVIOUS

[1](#)B. B) EMB LONDON (GAYLE)-NEA/IR(COBERLY) EMAILS AND TELCONS APRIL 9

[1](#)C. C) EMB LONDON (GAYLE)-NEA/IR(COBERLY) EMAIL

APRIL 24 Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Maura Connelly for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

- [1](#)1. (C/NF) Summary: Per Department guidance for the Iran Democracy Small Grants program (refs a and b), Embassy London supports and forwards
- 2.(C/NF) Summary con't: Proposals from Durham University and the UK-based XXXXXXXXXXXX, (both outlined at paras. 4-9 below) include extensive
- [1](#)3. (C/NF) Summary con't: Embassy also recommends a proposal by the XXXXXXXXXXXX (paras. 13-14), which appears, despite the controversial profile of Durham University and XXXXXXXXXXXX -----
- [1](#)4. (C/NF) The most promising and detailed applications are from XXXXXXXXXXXX a key Embassy London contact. XXXXXXXXXXXX is also known to De Durham Workshops: Women's NGOs ----- LONDON 00001163 002 OF 004
- [1](#)5. (C/NF) One very strong XXXXXXXXXXXX/Durham University proposal (requesting \$75,000 funding; six months in duration), under the auspices of Durham Workshops: Civil Society -----
- [1](#)6. (C/NF) An ambitious project at Durham University, entitled "Iran-U.S. Civil Society Engagement" (lasting 12 months, asking \$123,050 in funding) is being developed by Durham Workshops: Iranian seminarians -----
- 7.(C/NF) The single most innovative and arguably, groundbreaking, proposal from Durham (seven months duration, asking \$91,700 in funding) is from XXXXXXXXXXXX: Media Training, NGO Data Base LONDON 00001163 003 OF 004 -----
- [1](#)8. (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX, along with XXXXXXXXXXXX (known to Department - DRL), proposes a \$75,000, six-month program which would run a training
- [1](#)9. (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXXXXXX also propose a \$75,000 "Iranian NGO and Media Data Base Pilot" project, lasting six months, to collect information on Iranian political activists. Comment: Political Cover for Participants -----
- [1](#)10. (C/NF) Comment: Durham University's demonstrated access to academic and civil institutions, reinforced by XXXXXXXXXXXX's apparently successful efforts to secure Future XXXXXXXXXXXX Proposals: Local Governance et al -----
- [1](#)11. (C/NF) Polloff has encouraged further XXXXXXXXXXXX/Durham University proposals for academic symposia or workshops drawing on XXXXXXXXXXXX as a source of information. Grant Proposals from Other Sources: ----- Confederation of Iranian Students -----
- [1](#)13. (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX has submitted a request for funding of a conference "for the promotion of democracy in Iran." XXXXXXXXXXXX is an Iranian
- [1](#)14. (C/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX has requested \$48,400 in small grants funds for a one-day conference to be held XXXXXXXXXXXX. The purpose of a conference is to Visit London's Classified Website: XXXXXXXXXXXX TUTTLE